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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Atwood,

I would like to thank you for investigating the case of Dr. Alberto Falicoff and the plight of Jews and non-Jews alike in the Soviet Union. Senator Riegle sent me a copy of a letter from you addressed to him.

Now, I would like to pose to you another problem. Recently, the committee to free Raoul Wallenberg has gained international attention. Might I add: It's about time.

Raoul Wallenberg, who on a U.S. State Department sponsored mission, saved 100,000 Christians and Jews from Nazi annihilation. Overwhelming evidence indicates that he is still alive in Soviet Gulag. President Carter, Senator Frank Church, Senator Daniel Moynihan, Senator Pell, Senator Boschowitz and others have been actively working for Raoul Wallenberg's release.

But that is not enough. The U.S. Congress and the Department of State should also join the struggle to have Raoul Wallenberg released.

Already Governors Carey and Brown and Mayor Diane Feinstein of San Francisco and Mayor Edmund Koch of New York have proclaimed a day in honor of him. I think that Congress, too, can be in the right by proclaiming a day in his honor in this country.

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Obviously, this isn't to make him look better than other Americans who were involved in similar work. He is just one humanitarian whose case cannot be closed until the truth has been told.

Raoul Wallenberg can be ^{considered} equal to the fifty hostages in Iran. Except it's harder to ~~get~~ the world ~~to~~ keep their support up for one hostage.

Mr. Atwood: I appeal to you to work for a fellow member of the Federal Government. I would like to leave you with one thought.

"He who saves a life is as if he saved an entire world".

"How much more so for a man who has saved thousands? Shall not the thousands save him?"

Sincerely,

[Signature] BG

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